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Atty Docket No. 21511/90135)
Application No. 09/040,485) Group: 1642
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 10, 1999

Dear Sir:

This is filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 10, 1999. Please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

On page 1, line 4, please insert --The U.S. government has rights to this invention under 37 C.F.R. § 501.6 (a)(2)--

In the Claims

6. (Twice Amended) An isolated molecule consisting essentially of [having] the amino acid sequence encoded by a cDNA molecule with a nucleotide sequence consisting essentially of [as shown in FIG. 1] (SEQ ID NO:1).